

**House File 287 - Introduced**

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BY HEATON

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to eligibility requirements under the medical  
2 assistance program and providing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. In determining eligibility of an  
4 applicant for medical assistance, the department shall require  
5 verification of residency in the state. The department  
6 shall establish or continue cooperative arrangements with the  
7 United States social security administration, the secretary  
8 of state, the department of revenue, the department of  
9 workforce development, and any other appropriate entity to  
10 gain electronic access, to the extent allowed by law, to  
11 information available to those entities that may be appropriate  
12 for electronically verifying an applicant's residency. The  
13 information provided shall be provided for no other purpose  
14 than to verify residency and the data requested shall be  
15 requested and provided only to the extent necessary to  
16 determine an applicant's residency. A recipient of medical  
17 assistance shall be subject to verification of residency upon  
18 renewal of eligibility.

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. Unless required by federal law, an  
20 adult, with the exception of a pregnant woman, shall not be  
21 presumptively eligible for medical assistance.

22 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **249A.8A Civil penalty — residency**  
23 **requirement.**

24 In addition to any other penalties applicable, an applicant  
25 for medical assistance under this chapter who knowingly makes  
26 or causes to be made a false statement or a misrepresentation  
27 of a material fact or knowingly fails to disclose a material  
28 fact regarding the applicant's residency as required pursuant  
29 to section 249A.3, subsection 15, is subject to a civil penalty  
30 of two thousand dollars.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill provides that in determining eligibility of an  
33 applicant for medical assistance (Medicaid), the department of  
34 human services (DHS) shall require verification of residency  
35 in the state. The bill directs DHS to establish or continue

1 any cooperative arrangements with appropriate entities to gain  
2 electronic access to information available to the entities that  
3 may be appropriate for electronically verifying an applicant's  
4 residency. The bill also provides that unless required  
5 by federal law, an adult, with the exception of a pregnant  
6 woman, shall not be presumptively eligible for Medicaid. The  
7 bill also provides that, in addition to any other penalties  
8 applicable, an applicant for Medicaid who knowingly makes or  
9 causes to be made a false statement or a misrepresentation  
10 of a material fact or knowingly fails to disclose a material  
11 fact regarding the applicant's residency is subject to a civil  
12 penalty of \$2,000.